

In the claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

1. (Currently amended) A biodegradable stretched film comprising:
a biodegradable polymer; and
a water soluble polymer, wherein the film is breathable and further wherein the film is porous and wettable and ~~has been~~ is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of ~~its~~ an original length to provide a water vapor transmission rate greater than about ~~1500~~ 2500 g/m²/24 hrs and an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.
2. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
3. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, terpolymers of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
4. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol or a copolymer thereof.
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15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is polycaprolactone and the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide.
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18. (Canceled)
19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently Amended) The film of claim ~~48~~ 1 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
21. (Currently Amended) The film of claim ~~48~~ 1 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.
22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1 having an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.
24. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1, wherein the film includes from about 1% to about 50% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
25. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1, wherein the film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
26. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1, wherein the film includes from about 50% to about 99% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
27. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1, wherein the film includes from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
28. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.
29. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 48 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about ~~5~~ 2 mils.